

That Verse

Luke 16:8

Verses That Cause Concern

- **Matthew 7:21**, *“Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of the Father which is in heaven.”*
- **Matthew 25:45**, *“Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.”*
- **John 15:6**, *“If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.”*



The Story, Luke 16:1-8

▪ Parable focus: PRIORITIES in LIFE

- Secular setting, Spiritual Lesson
- “Unrighteous” complimented
- “Righteous” warned



▪ Key point

- “Unrighteous” often support own worldly agendas far better than the “righteous” support God!



The Application, **Luke 16:9-12**

- **Priorities: Physical Vs. Spiritual**
 - **John 3:12**, *“If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?”*
 - **1 Timothy 3:4-5**, *“One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)”*



The Application, **Luke 16:9-12**

- Priorities: Physical Vs. Spiritual
 - **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**, *“our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”*



The Application, **Luke 16:9-12**

▪ Importance of influence

- **Matthew 5:14**, *“light of the world ...set on a hill cannot be hid”*
- **Matthew 5:16**, *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify the Father in heaven.”*



▪ Choices in life

- **Luke 16:13**, *“No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”*

That Verse, **Luke 16:8**

- Serves as a slap in the face
 - Excel in our loyalty to God
 - Exceed the world's view of success
- Light candle, don't curse darkness
 - **Joshua 7:6-13**, *Get thee up...Israel hath sinned...take away the accursed thing*
 - **2 Kings 23:2-3**, Josiah, *read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD... the king ...made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD*



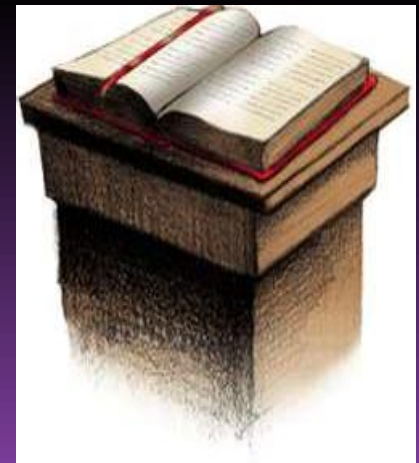
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- Turn the world up side down
 - **Acts 17:6**, Paul's, "spirit stirred in him, when he saw the city (Athens) wholly given to idolatry."
- Never compromise the truth
 - **Joshua 24:14-15**, "choose you this day whom ye will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."
 - **Joshua 14:10b, 12**, "give me this mountain...I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord saith."



That Verse...Conclusion

- Every member, leader, preacher, teach God's Word boldly
- Continue restoration principles
 - "Speak where the Bible speaks, be silent where the Bible is silent."
 - "Do Bible things in Bible ways"
- Allow "love of Christ" to control our lives
 - **John 14:15**, *"If ye love me, keep my commandments."*

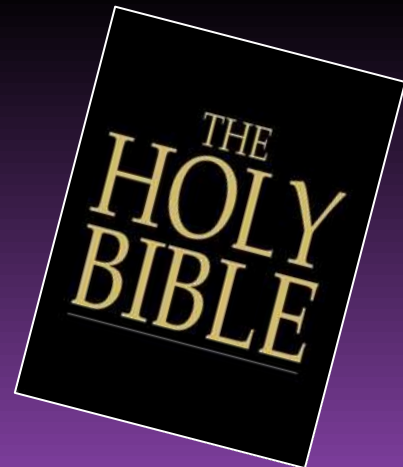


Which Will Jesus Say To You?

- **Luke 16:8**, “...the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.”

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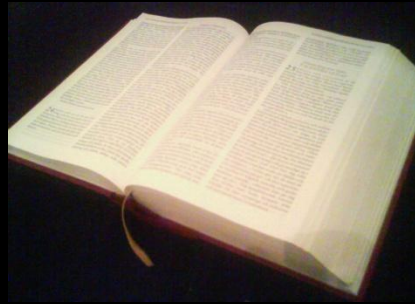
- **Revelation 3:8**, “I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.”



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- THAT VERSE haunts me.
- THAT VERSE frightens me.
- THAT VERSE motivates me.
- THAT VERSE should never describe anyone who meets at this place.





Remember “That Verse”

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